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Ashland Chemical Company

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January 28, 1983

Joel G. Blumstein, Esq.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Regional Counsel
JFK Federal Building, Room 2203
Boston, Massachusetts 02203

Re: Picillo Waste Disposal Site
Coventry, Rhode Island

Superfund Records Center
SITE: Picillo
BREAK: 11.9
OTHER: _____

Dear Mr. Blumstein:

Ashland Chemical Company hereby acknowledges receipt of U.S. EPA's letter of January 20, 1983, alleging that Ashland is a potentially responsible party in connection with the above-referenced waste site.

In previous meetings with the State of Rhode Island, Ashland has indicated a willingness to enter into discussions seeking a satisfactory settlement if certain conditions are present. These conditions include:

1. Participation in the discussions of both the federal and state governments.
2. Participation of all PRP's not fairly considered to have a de minimis involvement.
3. Disclosure by regulatory agencies to PRP's of relevant information concerning the volume of waste at the site, so that "fair shares" can be defined.
4. Opportunity to discuss the nature and extent of contamination so that the proposed remedial plan can be evaluated as to proper scope and cost effectiveness.

Trusting that you are in agreement with the conditions we have stated, we look forward to meeting with you, the State and other PRP's to discuss this matter.



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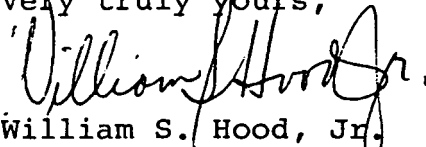
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Please send us the list of those other parties to whom the notice letter was sent.

We also ask that you address all future correspondence to the undersigned at the address indicated on the letterhead. My telephone number is (614) 889-3495.

Very truly yours,


William S. Hood, Jr.
Attorney

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